[English]

Sukhana Lake

4956. DR. M.P. JAISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sukhana lake in Chandigarh is becoming polluted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any international agency has submitted any report in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Heavy inflow of silt from the ecologically fragile and unstable Shivalik Hills has degraded the Sukhana lake.

(c) to (e) No international agency has submitted any report in this regard. A proposal for Management and Conservation of Sukhana Lake was submitted by the Chandigarh Administration in November, 1995 for its inclusion in the National Lake Conservation Plan. However, the National Lake Conservation Plan has not been approved by the Government in the VIII Plan.

[Translation]

Halt at Chandil

4957. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to provide a halt of Tata Express at Chandil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Lack of traffic justification and availability of alternative train services.

[English]

Cashewnut Production

4958. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of cashewnut in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the annual domestic consumption of the cashewnut in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The state-wise annual production of cashewnut in the country is given in the statement attached.

(b) The annual State-wise consumption of cashwnet in the country is not available. However roughly 38% of the total cashewnut is consumed domestically.

STATEMENT

CASHEW PRODUCTION IN MT

State	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Kerala	143200	151600	140200	149000	140000
Karnataka	26750	31260	31540	33000	37600
Goa	14490	33810	34590	37000	17800
Maharashtra	31960	25590	28280	31200	69000
Tamil Nadu	12710	19190	19200	20000	30930
Andhra Pradesh	40360	44880	46570	50000	71700
Orissa	31840	39060	43420	46500	43000
West Bengal	3660	3660	3990	4100	6960
Others	340	340	360	370	840
Total	305310	349390	348150	371170	417830

[Translation]

Soyabean Production

4959. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN:
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR:
SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the main areas where soyabean is produced;

(b) the total production of soyabean during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to produce soyabean in more areas;

(d) if so, the details of schemes formulated by the Government to promote the soyabean cultivation and to increase the areas under cultivationn; and

(e) the estimated areas likley to be increased in each State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The main Soyabean growing States are Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat.